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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. S.W. Washington DC 20554

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a clear example of consolidation of media ownership, Sinclair Broadcasting is requiring its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor", days before the election. This is not news, as Sinclair claims, but is an advertisement heavily slanted toward one political candidate that is clearly calculated to impact the election.

This egregious misuse of public airwaves by Sinclair Broadcasting Corporation, using public property free of charge, is an outrage and waste of precious resources that must be remedied. The FCC must answer public demands for fairness and balance and open public forums for the expression of information and ideas. We request an immediate investigation of Sinclair Broadcasting and possible suspension of the company's license if they do not offer to remedy this situation by waiting to air the advertisement after the election, or by providing the Kerry campaign with equal time in an equally appealing time slot (also without commercial breaks and before election day) to present material to balance the "Stolen Honor" political advertisement.

Please notify us of your actions in this affair.

Sincerely,

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